

Real scientists should care more about fraud

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Body

The Climategate e-mails are the proverbial smoking gun, but it's curious so few scientists cared about the bleeding scientific body lying at their feet.

What's astonishing about what has now been dubbed Climategate is myriad, but the most important aspect is that evidence of scientific fraud with regard to global warming science has existed for a very long time, and yet prior to these bombshell e-mails it was just shrugged off by scientists who have become advocates for the theory of man-made global warming. This should always have been troubling.

As French philosopher Claude Levi-Strauss wrote: "The scientific mind does not so much provide the right answers as ask the right questions." When it comes to climate science however, those who ask the questions are treated as heretics and called deniers.

True scientists should be outraged to learn that a colleague had his work misrepresented to help prove a given hypothesis, or that the peer-reviewed process was being messed with. That has not been the case for many years now. Scientists gathered at Copenhagen are trying to justify Climategate and are actually focusing on the "illegality" of the hacking (like that ever concerned people about Watergate or the like).

Climategate, for those who have been too busy digging out of snow drifts, broke in November and refers to the more than 1,000 e-mails and 3,000 documents that went viral on the Internet originating from the Climatic Research Unit at East Anglia University in England.

In essence, the e-mails suggest that the books were cooked to "hide the decline" and make the world look warmer than it is. Most of the e-mails revolve around Phil Jones, head of the CRU, who resigned recently because of this scandal, and Michael Mann, a U.S. professor of meteorology (who is already a discredited scientist, as his hockey stick graph was proved to be false years ago, though he remains a darling of the anthropogenic global warming religion crowd.)

The e-mail that best sums up the unscientific mindset was written by Jones on July 5, 2005. "If anything, I would like to see the climate change happen, so the science could be proved right, regardless of the consequences. This isn't being political, it is being selfish." Well, he's got that right.

This is an astonishing admission. This man who has led much of the climate alarmism and fed the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) with the feedstock numbers that were later destroyed by him, but were the basis for much of the reports for policy-makers, would like to see thousands of people perish, species go extinct and island nations get submerged because he so badly wants to be proven right! The mind boggles.

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But messing with scientific facts to prop up the claim that humans are causing warming is nothing new. What happened to Prof. Paul Reiter of the Pasteur Institute in France is just one example of what has been going on for years. He is considered one of the leading experts on malaria and is a member of the World Health Organization Expert Advisory Committee.

In the BBC Channel 4 documentary, *The Great Global Warming Swindle*, Reiter points out that mosquitoes are not only found in the tropics. Such information does not come as a surprise to most Canadians or those who live in the Arctic.

In the film, Reiter points out that "the most devastating epidemic of malaria was in the Soviet Union in the 1920s. There were something like 13 million cases a year, and something like 600,000 deaths. A tremendous catastrophe . . . So it's not a tropical disease. Yet these people in the global warming fraternity invent the idea that malaria will move northwards," because of warming.

Reiter shared his knowledge about malaria with the UN's IPCC, but when he saw a draft of the report, Reiter resigned and "thought that was the end of it.

"But when I saw the final draft, my name was still there. So I asked for it to be removed. Well, they told me that I had contributed, so it would remain there. So I said, no, I haven't contributed, because they haven't listened to anything I've said. So, in the end it was quite a battle. But finally I threatened legal action against them and they removed my name. And I think this happens a great deal. Those people who are specialists, but don't agree with the polemic, and resign, and there have been a number that I know of, they are simply put on the author list and become part of this 2,500 of the world's top scientists," also known as the scientific consensus.

The real question about what Reiter reveals is why other scientists -- regardless of what side of this debate they fall on -- are not outraged by his revelation, and the revelation of many other scientists like him, who have had their work misrepresented.

Why don't these warming believers care about the debasement of science? Why don't they care about scientific fraud? And if their science is so undeniable and certain, why have they refused to release their temperature data and why have they now destroyed it?

Those questions need to be asked, and answered. Real science demands nothing less. But, don't hold your breath.

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